



ARC-OVER

Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C.)



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January 2026

The next general club meeting is Tuesday January 13, 2026, at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00pm.





From the desk of the ARC-Over editor: Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the January edition of the ARC-OVER. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.

Last month's holiday treats were great. Thanks to the club and anyone else who provided them. Thanks to President Eric K7RKU who provided the collage of club activity photos and rounding up the great holiday raffle items.

Please read through the newsletter for information on the 2026 Winter Field Day. I hope Captain Jeff has had some time to check out the new Yaesu radio that he won in last month's raffle. This month's presentation will be on working the Giant Discone antenna at the Titan Missile Museum.

The Christmas parade went well and thanks to everyone who worked this community service event, Spencer KJ6ART, Don W6DEJ, Reno KG6BA, Kevin KO6HZC, John N6JCS, Bambi KI6YQL, Mark N6ARP, Walter KI6PBL, Lucian KF6NPG, Jerry KN67GJK and Jerry's grandson (a ham in training).

John N6JCS has the following for sale



Known as a "shack in a box", the Icom IC-706MkIIIG is a compact, all-mode HF/VHF/UHF amateur (ham) radio transceiver covering 160m through 70cm with 100W on HF/6m, 50W on 2m, and 20W on 440 MHz, featuring a removable head, standard DSP for noise reduction, IF Shift, 107 memories, and narrow FM, making it great for mobile or base use with features like built-in electronic keyer and SWR meter. Works great.

Asking \$445. Check EBay so you'll know this is a good price. Contact John N6JCS at 209.648.0397.

If you have anything to submit to the ARC-OVER, please let me know at kf6npg@aol.com . For the latest information on amateur radio activities follow the club on discord, Facebook, club website, and read the ARC-OVER.

Arc-Over "Message from the President" Article – January 2026

I'm that guy who'd rather get up early to get work done than to stay up late and work. And that's just what we're doing for 2026!

What's in the plan for the new year? *More improvements* to the club, *more things* you want to learn about and participate in, and *more value* to you as a club member! Also, more value to *potential* TARC members - we're here not only to make your club better but to build it as well!

So first, a sincere thank you to those who achieved an "honorable discharge" from the board by completing a year's service in 2025. Specifically, thank you to Lucian KF6NPG who served as the Vice President, and Lena KN6OH who served as our treasurer in 2025. The club is better because of the time and effort you guys gave!



And with the change of the calendar, we've staffed our 2026 board with a great group of enthusiastic, capable members. In contrast to years past, we didn't have to drag any of these members in to serve - *they want to help* through leadership. To me that's a pretty meaningful indicator that the club is heading in the right direction.

Please join me in welcoming our full slate of officers for 2026! Officers who are new to the board are listed in bold below.

President - Eric K7RKU

Vice President - Don W6DEJ

Treasurer - Kevin KO6HZC

Secretary - Dennis KO6KPD

Sergeant at Arms - Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large - John N6JCS

Member at Large - Greg KN6ZGE

Trustee - Spencer KJ6ART

We've already brainstormed on new ideas and positive directions for the club, and already had a very productive first board meeting of the year.

We have a great January meeting on deck for you, and welcome you to our General Meeting this Tuesday, 01/13/2026 at 7:00p at the Salvation Army in Turlock. Please join us to learn more and have fun with friends!

I'll see you there! Eric K7RKU President, Turlock Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes
Turlock Amateur Radio Club
12/09/2025, 7:00p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by president Eric K7RKU at 7:13p.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved via general consent.

4. Officer Reports

- President - Eric K7RKU
 - TARC Equipment Lending Library - Yaesu FT-991A (checked out), Yaesu FT-891 (checked out), HF antennas (available), and Baofeng HTs (available), **Don't be shy - let TARC help you get on the air!**
 - TARC team building / club reputation building - We have plenty of stickers and a few t-shirts!
 - Tonight's raffle prize: WHOA!!! Yaesu FTM-510DRASP!! (AKA, the 🐼)
- Vice President / Program Committee / Arc-Over - Lucian KF6NPG
- Treasurer - Lena KN6VOH

Treasurer reported starting balance of \$6,805.12 in general fund, income of \$510.00, expenses of \$193.13). Ending balance of \$7,121.99.

- Trustee / Repeater Committee - Spencer KJ6ART

Repeaters working normally.

5. Other Reports

- Merced ARES - Dave KG6NUO

Meetings on hold over the holidays, will resume in the new year.

6. Standing Committees

Portable Operations / Special Events Committee

- More Fox Hunting to come 👍

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- Officer Elections

- Candidate for President - Eric K7RKU
- Candidate for Vice President - Don W6DEJ
- Candidate for Treasurer - Kevin KO6HZC
- Candidate for Secretary - Dennis KO6KPD
- Candidate for Sergeant at Arms - Jerry KN6GJK
- Candidates for Member at Large (2 positions)
 - John N6JCS
 - Greg KN6ZGE

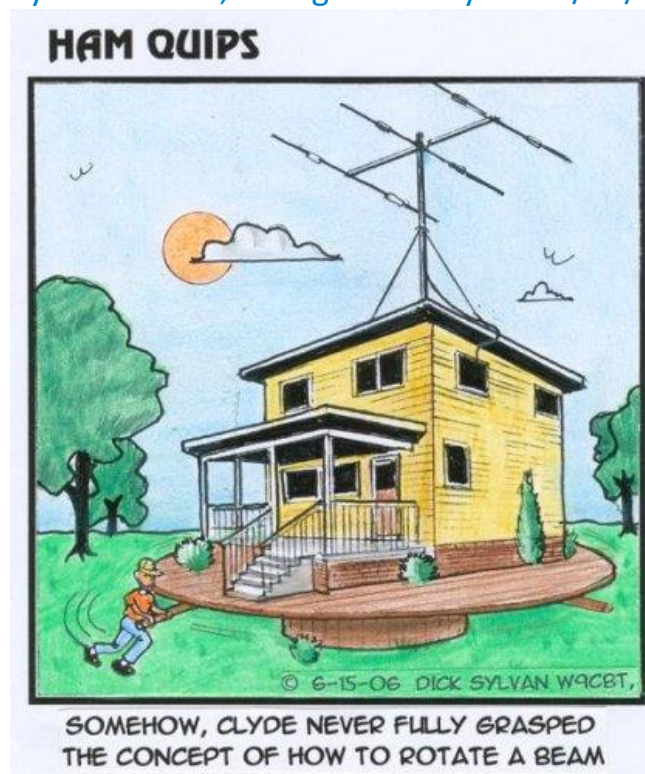
Elections were carried out. All indicated affirmative vote for the slate listed above by show of hands, with no dissenting votes. New officers will assume office as of 01/01/2026 per recently revised bylaws.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by general consent. A slide show and the raffle followed the meeting.

Eric (K7RKU), President

Minutes submitted by Eric K7RKU, acting secretary on 01/05/2026.



Turlock Amateur Radio Club
Income Expenses
December 31, 2025

Beginning Bank Balance as of Bank Statement 11/30/2025		<u>\$ 7,121.99</u>
42721	Raffle	685.00
47210	Membership Dues	260.00
Total Income		<u><u>\$ 945.00</u></u>
62890	Utilities - PG & E Nov & Dec	(190.98)
65015	Meeting Refreshments (Oct)	(31.66)
47275	Christmas Dinner Desserts	(167.58)
47275	Eric McMillian - Raffle Radio	(400.00)
65048	Taxes, Licenses & Fees - Void SOI Check	25.00
Total Expenses		<u><u>\$ (765.22)</u></u>
Ending Banks Balance 12/31/2025		<u><u>\$ 7,301.77</u></u>

Turlock Discord Server





Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **Dave KG6NUO has exciting news. Merced ARES meetings will resume in person meetings beginning with the January 21, 2026, meeting. The meetings will be held at the Merced County OES building located at the old Castle Air Force Base in Atwater. He will send out further information via his Merced ARES members e-mail list.**

The Merced ARES meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm. If you are not on his e mail list, please email Dave to get on the list for the meetings at dave.anderson@arrl.net . For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO.



What is WFD ?(courtesy WFD web site)



Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You

may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

The Winter Field Day event aims to help participants improve their preparedness for disasters and enhance their operational abilities in adverse conditions. Amateur radio operators have the freedom to use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands while employing voice, CW, and digital



transmissions. The event designates specific objectives to encourage a diverse range of activities, including the use of non-commercial power sources, the deployment of multiple antennas, establishing satellite contacts, and more. Winter Field Day is January 24th and 25th, 2026. For more information go to the WFD web site [Home - WFDA](#)



Photos Courtesy Don W6DEJ
W6DEJ.com for additional photos
Club Meeting



Lena KN6VOH, Jerry KN6GJK and Eric K7RKU



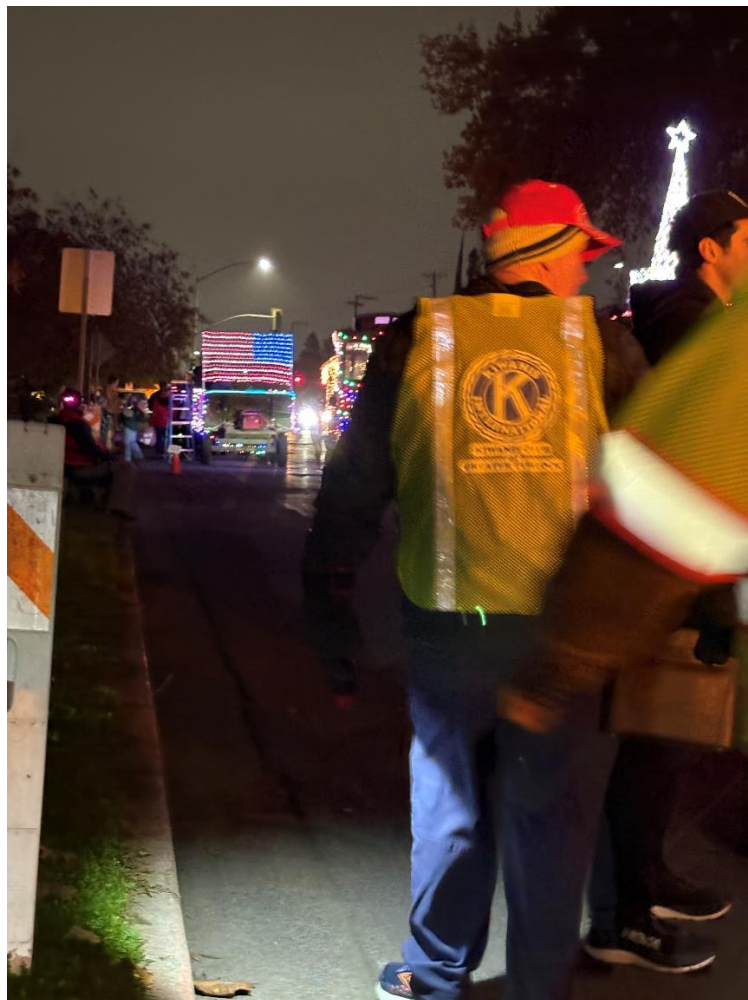
Grand prize winner Captain Jeff KN6GKF



The 2025 Parade Crew
TARC Club members in service to the Community

2025 Christmas Parade photos courtesy of Reno KG6BAA





Salvation Army Christmas Presents for children and Christmas Eve Lunch
TARC Club members serving the community



Kathy KM6VLJ and Captain Katie



Lucian KF6NPG, Kathy KM6VLJ, Bambi
KI6YQL, Walter KI6PBL



Community members enjoying lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2026.

February 10, 2026, April 14, 2026, June 9, 2026, August 11, 2026, and October 13, 2026.

January

Tuesday 13th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation on the Discone Antenna at the Titan Missile Museum.

Wednesday 21st Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held in person at the Merced County OES building located at the old Castle Air Force base in Atwater, CA. ARES members please look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO for further information. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

Saturday 24th and 25th Winter Field Day. Refer to the WFD web site for more information [Home - WFDA](#).

February

Tuesday 10th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm. There is a ham license testing session planned at 6:00 pm. The doors will open a few minutes before 7:00 pm unless testing session ends earlier. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation TBA.

Wednesday 18th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held in person at the Merced County OES building located at the old Castle Air Force base in Atwater, CA. ARES members please look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO for further information. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Club Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday (club meeting night)
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net – Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net – Sundays 7:30 PM

2026 Dues

You can now join or renew your membership for 2026. Your dues help with paying for the rent and maintenance of the TARC repeater system and club events. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your club membership. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club. **You can now pay your dues online at the club website.** You can still pay with cash or check, but the online option is now available. If paying with cash or check please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

2026 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Eric K7RKU

Secretary Dennis KO6KPD

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